

Agenda Item 5



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TO: MCAC

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FR: Pam Grove, Public Information Officer

RE: The Bay Area Air Quality Management District's Community Air Risk
Evaluation Program (CARE)

At your September 9th meeting, a representative from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District will attend to make a presentation on the Air District's CARE Program. CARE stands for Community Air Risk Evaluation. As described in the Air District's Web site, the CARE Program was initiated in 2004 to evaluate and reduce health risks associated with exposures to outdoor toxic air contaminants (TACs) in the Bay Area. The program examines TAC emissions from point sources, area sources and on-road and off-road mobile sources with an emphasis on diesel exhaust, which is a major contributor to airborne health risk in California.

Phase I was completed in Fall 2006. In Phase II of the CARE program, the Air District is performing regional-scale and local-scale modeling to determine the significant sources of diesel particulate matter and toxic air contaminant emissions locally in the priority communities as well as for the entire Bay Area.

To read more about the CARE Program prior to your MCAC meeting, visit the Air District's Web site at http://www.baaqmd.gov/CARE/index_old.htm.

Mr. Phil Martien, CARE Program Manager, will attend the September MCAC meeting to provide more information.